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SUBJ: TITO-KREISKY MEETING

REF: ZAGREB 1029

1. ELABORATING ON KREISKY-TITO-KARDELJ MEETINGS HELD IN SLOVENIA AT END OF DECEMBER, AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE THAT KREISKY AGREED CENSUS WOULD NOT BE PRE-CONDITION TO IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE TREATY WITH REGARD TO RIGHTS OF SLOVENIAN MINORITY IN AUSTRIA. AUSTRIANS WILL PROCEED NOW TO INTRODUCE MEASURES LIKE LAWS GUARANTEEING RIGHT TO USE SLOVENIAN IN COURTS AND CIVIL ADMINISTRATION. CENSUS WILL BE HELD ONLY AFTER ENACTMENT OF THESE MEASURES, PROBABLY NOT UNTIL FALL OR WINTER.

2. EXPLOSIVE QUESTION OF ROAD SIGNS WILL NOT BE DEALT WITH UNTIL AFTER THE CENSUS. SENSITIVITY OF THIS ISSUE IN YUGOSLAVIA WAS DEMONSTRATED BY TANJUG'S LENGTHY REBUTTAL ON FEB 12 OF REPORTS IN AUSTRIAN PRESS THAT FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT KIRO GLIGOROV HAD SAID ROAD SIGNS ISSUE WAS "MINOR POINT THAT CAN BE IGNORED".

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3. KREISKY'S VISIT WAS A BIT REMINISCENT OF SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S TRIP TO PEKING IN 1971. BECAUSE OF
SENSITIVITY OF MINORITY ISSUE IN AUSTRIA, KREISKY
TRAVELLED INCOGNITO ON COMMERCIAL PLANE, WITHOUT
ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OF FOREIGN OFFICE IN VIENNA,
ACCORDING TO AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR. SILBERMAN

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